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Finley Assumes Presidency In First School-wide Contest

Finley Gets 894 Votes, Gardner Receives <u>739;</u> Kohler Concedes With 389; Wilson Takes 535

Kay Finley is the new president of the Student Association with Arthur Gardner (Pr 3) as the vice-president.

In a fast moving election that ended Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m., Finley (Ch 3) received the majority of votes cast by RIT students. The announcement of the new president was made Wednesday evening by the Election Board of Control, at the Student Union upon completion of the ballot count.

According to some students, a definite trend could be seen in Finley's favor early in the election as recently as immediately after the campaign assembly held Tuesday afternoon in the Ritter-Clark gymnasium. Following through, Finley supporters promoted a "talking" campaign that swung the decisive votes to Finley.

By electing Finley, the students have endorsed the Finley-Gardner platform. In this platform, Finley-Gardner advocated a centralized placement bureau, a personal communications system for students, a proposed "Department Talk" section in the RIT "Reporter," a card-suggestion system, a published Student Council financial statement, an up-to-date student organizations directory, and a published, weekly student calendar of social and educational events.

In RIT's first school-wide election, students showed more interest than some of the "prophets" on campus had expected. Although the number of votes did not represent 100 percent of the student population, a satisfying amount of students did their best to take part in their student government. Next year, a drive will be organized to get even more of the student voters out, and another hot race between candidates is expected.